

Selma man hit by vehicle on 199

Oregon State Police (OSP), with the assistance of the Josephine County District Attorney's Office, is continuing the investigation into Friday afternoon's fatal pedestrian-involved traffic crash that occurred along Highway 199 near Kerby. The names of the pedestrian and driver are released in this update. Upon conclusion of the investigation, the District Attorney's office will review for consideration of any

charges or enforcement decision.

On June 20, 2014 at approximately 3:30 p.m., a 2011 Hyundai passenger car driven by Patricia M. Shafer, age 83, from Cave Junction, was traveling southbound on Highway 199 near milepost 27 when the car drifted across the fog line and struck Russell Richard Brummett age 42, from Selma, as he was walking on the southbound shoulder.

An emergency room doctor and two nurses traveling in the area, stopped and immediately provided emergency medical care and CPR. Brummett was pronounced deceased at the scene.

Shafer stopped at the scene and is cooperating with the ongoing investigation.

OSP troopers from the Grants Pass work site are working with the District Attorney's of-

fice as the investigation continues.

Highway 199 was closed for over 3 hours during the emergency response and scene investigation.

OSP was also assisted at the scene by Illinois Valley Fire District and ODOT.

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where the county weekly business Sessions are held." Walker said the recall effort against her is just the latest in a string of attempts to derail county government and prevent any progress toward resolving real problems.

"For months the board of county commissioners has endured a litany of verbal abuse, belligerence and rude behavior that impeded the ability of the board of commissioners to conduct legitimate business, according to law, the county charter, and county ordinances, on behalf of all the residents of Josephine County," Walker said.

Walker said it is the duty of the chair of any board, including the board of county commissioners, to maintain decorum and

provide for an opportunity for all citizens to participate in a public meeting. She also said it is the responsibility of the board of commissioners to protect the county from any liability that may result from the careless or unsafe actions or behaviors of people in the audience.

"I take this responsibility seriously on behalf of all the residents of Josephine County, not just a self-appointed group trying to bully the majority of good people who live and work in Josephine County," she said.

Walker says that specific allegations against her regarding votes and decisions on issues in their complaint are not valid.

"Actions cited are decisions that were made by the Board

of Commissioners or the Josephine County Budget Committee," she said. "I am only one member of each of these bodies and cannot, nor did I, make any of the decisions unilaterally."

Walker says some of the allegations against her are blatantly false, including the charge that she refused to prioritize public safety over public works in the county budget.

"The Budget Committee Decision was to not take money from our County Road Fund, used to repair roads, and transfer it to the Sheriff's Department," she said. "However, the board of county commissioners, including me, voted to transfer contingency funds and general fund money to the Sheriff's Department budget, as requested by the Sheriff."

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when crooks know that residents will come out on their front porches, take pictures and post the images online and share them with the police.

"While criminals are more brazen, they still want to remain hidden," Snyder said. "The neighborhood watches and websites monitoring crime are making an impact. The good thing to come out of all this is that people have been kind of forced to become more involved in their neighborhoods. We're all trying to make things better."

To increase home safety, Snyder also recommends that people leave night lights on outdoors, or install motion detection lights. And, he hopes people will try to remain patient with the sheriff's office and understand that "while it may not seem like it, we are trying to do our best every day."

Regarding major crimes that have been committed in the Valley that remain unsolved, Snyder said these crimes are "kicked up" to the state level and the county police are no longer actively involved in the investigations. He also noted that while people sitting in a bar or shopping in town may hear important information, a big limiting factor in solving the crimes is that many people won't talk to the police, or if they do, the stories are often watered-down or changed.

"That makes it really tough," Snyder said. "People have to remember that many investigations will only go as far as the witnesses will take it, so if no one is talking, how do they expect us to solve the crimes?"

The best way to contact Snyder is to email him at tsnyder@co.josephine.or.us. He gets these messages right away.

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"There's people here from all walks of life and it overwhelms me to see all this," Pilgrim said. "Everyone has more than one gift from our creator, and those who have this art inside them and share it with the world, it's a great thing. It's very personal when artists are creating. The body is resting, while the mind is focusing. It's healing and helps make the person feel proud of who they are, and it's good to feel this pride. Don't hide your light under a bushel basket, whether you're young or old, share it!"

"The way children are able to participate in so much here, it's such

a healthy thing," Pilgrim said. "And the parade that recognizes the children is really appropriate. The children own tomorrow's world and the adults are not always doing so good. We need to do better."

Pilgrim spoke at a water blessing ceremony at the Faire, delivering a message about the need to protect water resources for future generations. She also expressed serious concerns about both GMO's and pesticides in food resources, and the impacts chemicals and artificial substances have on whole ecosystems.

"It's great that the GMO ban was passed, but I'm also really alarmed

about the use of pesticides," Pilgrim said. "It's scary, just to think of the children and their smaller immune systems. People are going around with petitions to stop this pesticide use, and we need to support that. We're driving the bees away and then what are we going to do? The bees pollinate a lot of our food."

Numerous volunteers at the Faire gathered signatures to put a pesticide ban on the Josephine County ballot in November that would prohibit ODOT from roadside chemical spraying; prohibit helicopter chemical spraying on corporate timberlands; and also ban pesticides use on

commercial agriculture lands that require an applicator license.

"We gathered around 300 signatures and this puts a nice dent in the total needed," said Precious Dirt organizer Audrey Moore. "We have about 2000 signatures so far, which is what the county requires, but we're going for 3000, to be sure that we have enough valid signatures to qualify."

"We're seeking common-sense policies for corporate timber lands, who spray without warning," Moore added. "The drift factor is a key issue. The chemicals can move up to two miles or more and enter the watershed. The chemical cocktail used

is not disclosed to the public, so if someone gets sick, they can't even tell their doctor what they've been exposed to. With traditional crop dusting, airplanes spray close to the ground, but helicopters spraying the forest lands fly much higher in their air and this increases chemical drift."

Other volunteers at the Faire also had a booth that featured maps and materials to educate the public about several proposed mining operations in the region that they say threaten the environment.

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'64, '69 '74, '79,
'84, '89, '94 '99,
'04, Maybe '09
And Your Friends!

Personal contact is the big motivator! Tweet! Text! TALK to each other! Connect! Teachers like to be invited. Include 'mates who didn't graduate with you but were part of your class way back when.

Where Are We? FACEBOOK

Only a couple thousand of us on here. Organizers are busy on class pages. As you "like" and chat up your reunion plans go to IVHS ALUMNI AND FRIENDS community page. It's even current sometimes. Post a greeting. More Info? Check ivhsalumniandfriends.org It's being updated s-l-o-w-l-y.

FRIDAY July 4 "Hanging Out"

Carlos, Garter, Pizza Deli, Taylor's, Grayback Campground, etal.

SATURDAY July 5 Kerbyville Museum Tour 2 p.m. \$2

The museum kindly gives us this special admission. Not been there in a while? New exhibits. Visit your Valley history. Dennis entertains us.

SATURDAY NITE

'49, '54 - My Place Café
'59 - "That Pizza Place"
'64 - Carlos Restaurant
'69 - Prolly Not! Call Pat!
'74 - Friday Nite Pizza Deli
'79 - McGrew's
'84 - Taylor's
'94 - ANYBODY KNOW?
'89 - Talking on Facebook!
'99 - Jubilee Park Pavilion
'04 - Rough 'n Ready Park

"The Great Outdoors" Raffle

Tickets: \$1 or 6 for \$5
Incl. 2nd & 3rd Prizes
Drawing at Sunday's Breakfast/Auction
\$\$\$\$ worth of GOOD STUFF plus extra prizes!
Thank Suz, Adrianna & Dink for their hard work on this Scholarship Fundraiser.

SATURDAY July 5 NO REUNION?

Dine at Judy's
MY PLACE Cafe is "The Place" for good food and camaraderie.

We Regret! Long Story!

CANCELED!
Saturday DANCE
Jubilee Park Pavilion

SUNDAY July 6 Pancake Breakfast 8 to Noon Jubilee Park
[Can't Verify Price Just Yet]

The IV FIREFIGHTERS really know a thing or two about breakfast and will treat us. And they donate 10% to our Scholarship Fund. Bring friends - public welcome!

SUNDAY July 6 SILENT AUCTION

Our big Scholarship FUNdraiser happens during breakfast. Last year brought in \$3,088 - enough to cover one Scholarship! To please donate an item bring to Kerbyville Museum the week of June 30 so we can log them in. And at the auction you'll find all gussied up and ready for your bidding fun: The Class Gift Baskets!

The GIFT BASKETS

Each year we ask reunion classes to donate a Gift Basket as a class donation to the Silent Auction - a most popular part of the auction and a super boost to our Scholarship Fund. If organizers need suggestions contact us. Last year's...

Yard Sale Jumble - '53
Garage Goodies - '58
Here, There, Everywhere-'63
Summer Fun - '73
Health & Beauty - '78
A Grants Pass Getaway -'83
Wash Your Wheels - '88
For Wine Lovers - '93
... brought in \$571.

SUNDAY July 6 2 - 4 P.M. — \$5

Kerbyville Museum
An old fashioned ice cream social - with music! A refreshing stop on the way outtown.

BY THIS INVITE
All the '30s classes plus '40, '41, '42, '43, and the Class of 1944 are invited to celebrate all those years ago by being our guests at Sundays' breakfast! Please check in at the Alumni Table.